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For: HINGE DEVICE AND ELECTRIC AND ELECTRONIC APPARATUSES EMPLOYING
THE SAME

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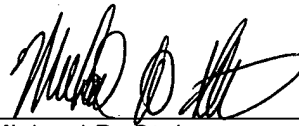
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KR Patent No. 10-296038 relates to a hinge device.

Japanese Patent First Pub. No. 2001-74028 relates to a hinge device.

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